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FROM: ROME

TO: Secretary of State

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TOUSIEZ REPERUTED THIS MORNING'S MEDIA COMMENT ON PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND QUOTATIONS TELETYPE AS REQUESTED JOTIC 253. THIS AFTERNOON'S MEDIA FOLLOWS SAME LINE. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL REACTION SO FAR:

GOVERNMENT -- PRIMIN TOLD SENATE TONIGHT (FULL TEXT BEING WIRED) HE WAS INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND AFTER SUMMARIZING WHAT PRESIDENT SAID STATED ITALY ALWAYS OPPOSED CREATION NEW BASES WHICH WOULD THREATEN WORLD PEACE. SAID GOI IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH ITS ALLY IN BRINGING CASE TO UN AND US IN ITS POSITION WOULD HAVE FULL SUPPORT GOI. ADDED UNDERSTOOD RUSSO FLYING TO HEAD ITALIAN DELEGATION UN. PRIMIN SAID FUMIN HAD MADE SIMILAR STATEMENT TO BEG MEETING BRUSSELS TODAY. (PRIMIN EXPECTED REPEAT STATEMENT CHAMBER DEPUTIES LATER TONIGHT.) HEAD POUNOFF UN SECTION TOLD EMBOFF "CONGRATULATIONS THIS IS WHAT YOUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR FOR LONG TIME". NAVAL OFFS AT NAVY MIN MADE SIMILAR COMMENTS TO NAVAL ATTACHE.

COMMUNISTS -- PCI CALLED MEETINGS 6:30 PM TODAY TO DISCUSS WHAT "ACTION" TO TAKE. INFERENCE IS DEMONSTRATIONS LIKELY TOMORROW (DAS REPORTS POLICE PREDICT DEMONSTRATIONS BY ALL AND LEFT WING OF PCI ROME AND GENOA POSSIBLY OTHER CITIES, PERHAPS BEGINNING TONIGHT. SURVEY OF CONSULATES AND LEGS AROUND ITALY REVEALS NO PET NO DEMONSTRATIONS SO FAR EXCEPT VAVA CUBA SIGN PAINTED ON USIS MILAN LAST NIGHT.)

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EDUARDITO DE AYTONOMIST CLOSE TO LOMBARDI TOLD EMBOFF WHILE IN VISITATION WHERE PSI MAJORITY WOULD STAND IF CONFLICT OCCURS, AND WOULD WISDOM QUARANTINE WHOSE REPERCUSSIONS UNFORESEEABLE. PSI AYTONOMIST WOULD HAVE PREFERRED CONTINUE TALKING THINGS OVER IN COMMUNITO. WIDE SECTORS PUBLIC OPINION UNLIKELY BELIEVE US STATEMENTS OR EVEN TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE ABOUT ALLIED INTELLIGENCE BASED CUBA, BUT SAID PSI WOULD NOT BE MOVED AWAY FROM PRESENT COLLABORATION WITH GOV BY THIS MATTER AND HAD TAKEN STEPS PREVENT LEFT WING PSI FROM QUESTIONING GOVERNMENT OR PARLIAMENT.

LIBERALS IN VICE SEC. TOLD EMBOFF CUBAN ACTION "EXTREMELY DEFENSIVE" BUT NO ALTERNATIVE FOR US FACED WITH NUCLEAR THREATS AT THE SUBROSET. THOUGHT US ACTION MIGHT RAISE PROBLEMS FOR US REL TO BASES OVERSEAS.

COMMENT: EXPERT FOR COMMUNISTS AND LEFT WING OF PSI AND RESERVATIONS PSI AYTONOMISTS INDICATED ABOVE ITALIAN OPINION. APPEARS LARGELY FAVORABLE TO US SO FAR. MEDIA COMMENT LIMITED FIRST DAY BUT LIKELY BE MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE TOMORROW.

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